PREFACE.

HAVING brought to a close the second Volume of the PHILADELPHIA MEDICAL MUSEUM, it is incumbent on the Editor, to return his thanks to those Gentlemen, who have so kindly added to its value, by their able and very useful communications.—Whilst he solicits a continuance of their favours, he may be allowed to remind the numerous Medical Characters who are spread throughout the extended regions of America, that in an undertaking of the present kind, in whose welfare all classes are in a greater or less degree interested; the exertions of an individual, require that aid which each at times is enabled to afford; but which is too generally limited to a small number of persons, whose industry should be a spur to the application of others.

The utility of periodical publications, is in no instance more evident, than in the Science of Medicine. The rapidity with which any improvement can be widely extended must be beneficial to all: it must then be a subject for congratulation, that the sources of improvement, are daily augmenting in the United States, in a manner seldom seen in a country so lately elevated into the rank of an Independent Nation.

The encouragement which the Philadelphia Medical Muſeum has received from the Practitioners throughout the Continent, whilſt it calls for the warmeſt acknowledgments of the Editor, ſo it will prove a powerful ſtimulus to a continuance of his exertions, which he promiſes ſhall be undiminiſhed, in hopes of rendering the work ſtill more worthy of their acceptance.

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